

**JAMUL DULZURA
COMMUNITY PLANNING GROUP
FINAL Minutes
Tuesday July 22, 2014
Approved Tuesday, August 12, 2014
Oak Grove Middle School Library
7:30 p.m.**

1. CALL TO ORDER - Dan Neirinckx called the meeting to order at 7:34 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Present: Janet Mulder, Dan Neirinckx, Randy White, Elizabeth Kelly, Steve Wragg, Bill Herde, Preston Brown, Judy Bohlen, Joan Kouns, Michael Casinelli, George Novinger,

Excused: Jean Strouf, Rich Marzec, Earl Katzer

Absent:

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA for July 22, 2014 and minutes of July 8, 2014 regular meeting correcting the minutes with changes suggested by John Rice representing the District Attorney's Office as to their presentation to more clearly reflect the law. The correction is reflected in the final minutes for July 8, 2014. Motion carried unanimously.

4. OPEN FORUM: Opportunity for public comment on any item not on the agenda – 3 minute time limit

A. Randy White reported that the registered sexual offender that we had previously informed the Sheriff and DA's office about was the one who attached a 78year old woman in Jacumba as reported in the news.

B. Randy White and Preston Brown will not be here at the next meeting and possibly Judy Bohlen as well

5. NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE DRAFT COMPREHESIVE PLAN UPDATE –

Joe Stuyvesant, was our JDCPG representative at the Tuesday Public Comment Section at Steele Canyon High School along with Judy Bohlen. He estimated 300 plus people in attendance and there was significant public comment – none in favor of closing the trails. The predominant request was that the US Fish and Wildlife work with the community to refine the plan and to include community input prior to their decision. The public comments were very good ranging from the economic impact of closing the trails to the enjoyment of the people. Supervisor Cox was present and Congressman Duncan Hunter and Supervisor Jacob both sent representatives to the meeting. US Fish and Wildlife did not respond to the comments nor answer any questions. Representatives from equestrian, biking, hiking, hunters and the Sierra Club were there.

Judy Bohlen said that there were two representatives from Sierra Club who were against hunting. Channel 8 and 10 both ran news articles on the meeting. Lots of public interest shown, and all seemed to be on the same page except on hunting which is included in two of the alternatives. **Judy Bohlen recommends that everyone should write their comments to Congressman Duncan Hunter and Congressman Juan Vargas as the US Fish and Wildlife are only required to provide the opportunity for the public to comment and do not have to listen to them.** Both Joe and Judy are concerned that US Fish and Wildlife will cut out most of the existing trails and the County would end up with only a 20-mile loop. **Preston Brown** pointed out that it is a two part process and some may want to wait until later to make their comments. **Congressman Hunter's representative, Michael Harrison, stated at the meeting that the Congressman has a meeting scheduled for about August 15 and would appreciate letters of concern from the Planning Group as well as individuals.** **Randy White suggested that people send handwritten letters rather than typed or emails as he has been told they are more effective.**

Joe Stuyvesant pointed out that the Echo Valley residents who have had access to the trails on the Fish and Wildlife land for 40 years, had it summarily closed with no warning on Memorial Day and the reason for closing it down was, according to **Jill Terp**, they could not allow people to enter through private land. However, **Judy Bohlen** pointed out that Fish and Wildlife are not going to move the gate nor change the location as they do not want other people on their land.

Michael Casinelli asked if in the introduction the audience was led to believe that Alternative D is not only the preferred alternative but a "done deal". **Joe** stated that he feels Fish and Wildlife believe in their conservation plan, and concerned that they would need to close all but the 20 mile trail discussed above. They have delineated the access to different groups on the different trails. Comments were made that the public access does help maintain the environment as the US Fish and Game does not have the money nor time to maintain the trails. **George Novinger** suggested that along with writing letters that we should encourage the knowledgeable people like those who were here last meeting and spoke to us, to give specific guidance as to the trails that would be the most significantly important to maintain. Perhaps we could invite them to continue to be on the sub-committee and identify others who have a long-term history with trails to join them. **Dan Neirinckx will suggest this idea to Jean Strouf as chair of the sub-committee when she returns.** **Elizabeth** asked why did they start now with this plan. **Joe** pointed out that they are going through a NEPA process in preparation for the implementation of the conservation plan. **Preston Brown** suggested we request in our letter to our elected officials that a second process could involve the public to determine the most important trails to keep. **Randy White** asked if we could strongly encourage them to come to our meetings so that US Fish and Game would be more aware of the public concerns. **Steve Wragg** pointed out that they are looking for corridors but **Joe** stated that all of the maps show just a path which they are considering as the "corridors". In their environmental analysis they are supposed to consider all impacts and they have looked exclusively at the impacts on the Wildlife Refuge and have failed to consider the impacts on the community, as required by NEPA including the historical, cultural and economic impacts.

Joe Stuyvesant moved we send two letters; one to Congressman Duncan Hunter and Congressman Juan Vargas, addressing our concerns regarding the Echo Valley access and a second regarding the Wildlife Refuge Plan. Motion carried unanimously.

6. **BICYCLE SAFETY SUB-COMMITTEE UPDATE – Bill Herde – no report**
7. **PDS2014-MUP-14-027 – AT&T CELL SITE at 17348 LYONS VALLEY RD. -- Chair – Randy White – combined with agenda item 8.**
8. **PDS2014-MUP-14-020 – AT&T CELL SITE at SR94 and BARRETT SMITH RD. – Randy White stated that ATT is not ready to report but plan to ready to at the Sept. 9 meeting on both Agenda Items 7 and 8. Items postponed until then.**
9. **PDS2005-3100-5460 SIMPSON FARMS UPDATE– Gotham Management – Preston Brown and Steve Wragg asked to have it removed until the applicant is ready to report to us.**

10. JAMUL INDIAN VILLAGE UP-DATE

Joe Stuyvesant was asked by Michael Harrison of Congressman Duncan Hunter's office for an update on the Jamul Indian Village. He suggested that others like Janet Mulder might be in a better position to give him a report and asked Janet to call Michael.

10. JDCPG OFFICER'S ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REPORTS

- a. **Dan Neirinckx sent an email telling all of the even numbered seats to go to 5600 Overland Avenue Suite 100 and fill out their application to run by Friday, August 8. Michael Casinelli told us he went to the Registrar of Voters and filed and it took a relatively short time to complete.**

Adjournment: Dan Neirinckx, Chair, adjourned the meeting at 8:33 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Janet Mulder, Secretary

NOTICE OF NEXT REGULAR MEETING:

7:30 P.M. TUESDAY, AUGUST 9, 2014

OAK GROVE MIDDLE SCHOOL LIBRARY

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